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Via Overnight Delivery

March 29, 2012

Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Attn: Jocelyn Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator

Re: Docket No. 2011-329-C; ComTech21, LLC request for bond waiver

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Per S.C. Code 103-803 (Waiver of Rules) ComTech21, LLC ("ComTech21") respectfully requests a waiver of rule 103-607.

ComTech21 is a switchless reseller of a third party provider that is a reseller of the associated State RBOC. Currently, we only have ten (10) local customers in South Carolina generating \$438.00 per month in revenue. As such, obtaining a Bond would be financially detrimental to our business.

While our intent is always to comply with each and every mandate of the states in which we operate, if we are required to obtain the stipulated Bond, we will be forced to reevaluate the viability of providing local services to the residents of South Carolina; something we would prefer not to have to do.

We thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael Brady
EVP
ComTech21, LLC

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*****REVISED REGULATION NOTICE****

Subject: 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-607 (Supp. 2011)
Telephone Utilities Providing Retail Residential Local Exchange Services

To: All Telecommunications Companies Operating in the State of South Carolina

Per the recently revised regulation 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-607 (Supp. 2011), all telephone utilities that provide retail residential local exchange service that have not invested at least five million dollars in telecommunications facilities in South Carolina will be required to file a bond or other security mechanism with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("PSC"). A copy of the bond should also be provided to the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS"). This new regulation became effective on June 24, 2011.

In order to demonstrate compliance to the ORS and PSC, each company must either:

- 1) Verify in writing that it does not provide residential local exchange service; or
- 2) Verify that the Company individually or together with its affiliates has invested at least five (5) million dollars in telecommunications facilities in South Carolina; or
- 3) Apply for and receive a waiver from the Public Service Commission; or
- 4) File a bond or other security mechanism consistent with Regulation 103-607.

Each Telecommunications Company must demonstrate compliance with the new regulation by December 31, 2011. A copy of Regulation 103-607 is attached for your convenience.

Please contact me via e-mail or phone to discuss the regulation or requirements for maintaining compliance.

Sincerely,

Jim McDaniel

Program Manager

South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff

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Enclosure